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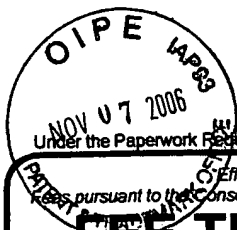
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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)
50Small Entity Fee (\$)
25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200

100

Multiple dependent claims

360

180

Total Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)****Multiple Dependent Claims**

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Fee (\$) **Fee Paid (\$)**

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Examiner : Aamer S. Ahmed
Art Unit: 3763

Applic.: 10/821,383

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For: PERCUTANEOUSLY IMPLANTABLE
MEDICAL DEVICE CONFIGURED TO
PROMOTE TISSUE INGROWTH

Amendment Responsive
to Office Action
dated 09/21/2006

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REMARKS

The Office Action dated 09/21/2006 has been carefully studied. As a consequence, independent claims 1 and 16 are being amended (See attached "Claim Listing") to incorporate the limitations of dependent claims 2 and 17, respectively, to better define the invention and clearly distinguish it over the cited art. Claims 2 and 17 are being cancelled. Favorable reconsideration of remaining claims 1, 3-9, 13-16, and 18-21 is courteously requested.

The present invention pertains to an implantable medical device having a stud portion configured to project percutaneously through a patient's skin. As explained in Applicants' specification, the conventional use of such implanted devices has been problematic because of the tendency of soft tissue to grow downwardly at the percutaneous penetration site resulting in the formation of sinus tracts (Figure 3) susceptible for infection. As explained on specification page 5, "Continued downgrowth can lead to marsupialization and ultimately can